

RETIREMENT OF LT. GENERAL
JEFFREY TALLEY

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Army Reserve, I congratulate our chief, Lt. General Jeffrey Talley, on his retirement and thank him for 34 years of service to our country.

Lt. General Talley truly exemplifies the Reserve motto, Twice the Citizen. After 30 years of military service, he returned to active duty in 2012 to lead the U.S. Army Reserve, a nod to his unparalleled leadership.

Since his return in 2012, Lt. General Talley has led the Army Reserve through one of the most battle-tested and operational times in its history. His vast knowledge and experience has positively shaped the Reserve into a strong, fighting force ready to answer their country's call.

Lt. General Talley will be greatly missed and long remembered. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF SUMNER
LODGE NUMBER 5

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to recognize one of Springfield, Massachusetts' most well-known institutions, the Grand Sumner Lodge Number 5 of the Prince Hall Masonic Temple, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary.

The Grand Sumner Lodge was founded on June 24, 1866 by eleven Master Masons living in Springfield, who felt it was time for the city's African-American community to host a fraternal organization. The Master Masons chose to name their lodge after Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts. Senator Sumner dedicated his life to serving his country as a member of the United States Senate from 1851 until his death in 1874. He was a long time champion of the abolitionist and civil rights movements. In fact, he was beaten on the floor of the United States Senate for the cause of equality in 1856. The members of Grand Sumner Lodge Number 5 have dedicated themselves to following the example set by their illustrious namesake. The Lodge has been at the forefront of the battle for civil rights in this country. They have broken down many barriers, including in 1955 when the members of the Lodge became the first African-American fraternal organization to erect their own meeting hall in Massachusetts.

Sumner Lodge has been a force for good in the Springfield community for 150 years and has shown no signs of slowing down. The group currently donates time and money to causes that include the Martin Luther King Day Center, American Cancer Society, CDC Rehabilitation Springfield, and Jane Doe, Inc. Sumner Lodge provides positive role models for the young men of Springfield to ensure that they do not fall victim to substance abuse. The Lodge also seeks to educate young men on

the horrific consequences of sexual assault and domestic violence, so that they learn healthy respect for the women in their lives. Additionally, they serve all of the youth of Springfield by toiling to construct safe areas for after school recreation activities. Organizations such as the Sumner Lodge are vital pillars of the American community and must be commended for their tireless dedication to service. I have full confidence that they will continue to do phenomenal work for the next 150 years.

Mr. Speaker, as Springfield celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Grand Sumner Lodge, let us all acknowledge the outstanding work that this group has done on behalf of the people of Springfield, and let us all wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO LAUREN PHILIPS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lauren Philips of Council Bluffs, Iowa for recognition as a Delegate at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, sponsored by The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. Lauren is one of six State of Iowa honor students selected to attend.

Lauren Philips is an exceptional student, high-achieving in academics and all-around service. This Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors-only program for high school students who will seek to become physicians or enter the medical research field. The Congress of Future Medical Leaders honors, inspires and motivates high school students like Lauren Philips as a luminary in the advanced study of medicine.

Lauren is a student at Marian High School in Omaha, Nebraska. She was nominated by school officials and the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists because of academic excellence and civic-minded responsibilities.

Lauren Philips makes a difference by serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize her today. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring her accomplishments. Lauren Philips will obtain the goals and dreams of many medical professionals.

IN HONOR OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY
OF GENERAL MILLS

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of General Mills, a company that helped build the state of Minnesota and feed our nation. With humble roots beginning in 1866 on the banks of the Mississippi River near St. Anthony Falls in Minneapolis, General Mills has grown into one of the largest food companies in the world, employing thousands of Minnesotans, and other workers throughout the world. The Gen-

eral Mills story goes hand-in-hand with our state history and the growth of our nation.

After serving as a general in President Lincoln's Army, Cadwallader Washburn moved to Minnesota where he saw the potential of the largest waterfall on the Mississippi River to power a major flour mill. It was here that the company now known internationally as General Mills was born when Washburn built the "B Mill"—the largest mill west of Buffalo, New York, towering 6 stories above the frontier and bountiful wheat fields. Tragedy rocked the city when an explosion destroyed Washburn's "A Mill", killing the entire 14 man night crew. During the rebuilding process, Washburn pioneered new safety measures that he shared with competitors, so that they may avoid such a tragedy themselves.

On the opposite side of the river, and using the last of his money that remained from a previous failed business venture, Charles Pillsbury established his own mill. Pillsbury and General Mills would become strong competitors, that years later merged into a single great company.

During the depths of the Great Depression, another visionary leader at General Mills ushered in a new era of prosperity for the company. Under the leadership of James Ford Bell, General Mills created blockbuster products like Cheerios, Kix cereal, and Bisquick, which achieved his goal of delivering innovations that were embraced by American consumers. It was also during this time that Americans met a remarkable woman and began sending thousands of letters seeking her advice on wholesome cooking. Because of her meteoric rise and enduring popularity, it's still a surprise to many she isn't a real person, but another invention from the creative minds at General Mills: Betty Crocker.

WWII brought a new era to General Mills and focused the pioneering spirit of the company toward the cause of freedom. Engineers who once worked on packaging and manufacturing were now producing the most cutting edge war time technologies, including the "jitterbug" torpedo. This sophisticated advance in naval warfare contributed greatly to the Allied victory at sea. These innovations also had the unintended effect of creating a cottage-industry of well-respected Minnesota precision engineering and technology firms.

Today, General Mills continues to make major contributions to the greater good. Through the General Mills Foundation, important work on sustainability, food security, and protecting our natural resources is demonstrating the best of corporate leadership and responsibility to the communities it serves. In 2014 alone, all charitable giving from General Mills totaled \$150 million; nearly \$30 million in grants came directly from the General Mills Foundation.

From its modest beginnings to its global reach today, General Mills has shaped the way that Americans and people the world over interact with food. These innovations have become some of the most iconic brands in the world. From innovating new products, to developing wartime technologies, and the historic merger with Pillsbury, General Mills has always been a source of pride for the State of Minnesota and the nation. Here is to another groundbreaking 150 years.